

## WILLIAMSTOWN

Letters from Everett Waldo to His Parents and Brother.

Two letters from Everett Waldo have been received lately, one dated Nov. 17, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Waldo, and the other, dated Nov. 22, by his brother, Warren Waldo. They are as follows:

Rest Camp, Somewhere in France, Nov. 17, 1917.

Dear Folks: I can write but a little, but I know you will be glad to get just a few lines from me. I am not back with my company yet, and don't know anything about it when I will be. It can't be too soon. Just think, I haven't had any mail since I left Westfield. The last letter I got was handed me just about five minutes before I got onto the train. That was nearly two months ago. I wonder if you got the letters I mailed while I was in the hospital. I was never quite sure whether they went or not. There are no restrictions on how often we write, but what they contain. I wonder if you could send me a pair of warm leather gloves. I don't need them yet, but will soon, at least as soon as they get to me. Packages will go all right, so if you could make a fruit cake and some candy it would be gratefully received by me.

If I had a little money, I would send home a little something for Christmas, but I have no money. I should think this would get home about Christmas, so will wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Think of me eating a big piece of punk bread, a can of canned "Bill" and a cup of tea for Christmas dinner. Oh well, things might be a good deal worse than they are, so I am not going to do any kicking.

Where is Ernest? Was Burnham drafted? I happened to run onto a sergeant from old Co. F yesterday. It seemed good to see him. It was the one I was out on bridge duty with. I will close with, "God be with you till we meet again."

Somewhere in France, Nov. 22, 1917.

Dear Warren: Well, old scout, how are you? I am feeling tip-top as usual. In just a week you will be observing Thanksgiving day. If you could see some of the things I have seen, you would realize you had quite a lot of things to be thankful for. I think I can be thankful for a few things more. I think if I was with my company I would have a pretty nice dinner, but I don't expect to be with it, so will have to eat corned beef. I guess I am lucky to have that. It fills up and as long as I don't go hungry I am not going to do any kicking.

I expect to come down with the mumps most any day. A fellow had them and I slept with him two nights when he was coming down with them. Just came out of the hospital and now will have to go in again. Oh well! Never mind, while I am there I am out of mischief.

I wish I knew what you were doing, if you were able to start school this fall or if you have been called in on another draft, etc. I heard that there had been another conscription. I don't suppose you passed if there was. Well, whatever you do, do it well and take good care of yourself. I shall try and do the same. Remember me to all the folks.

Everett.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Orange County Telephone Company will be held at the town hall in Chelsea on Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 10 o'clock a. m., to act on the following business: (1) To choose a chairman of said meeting; (2) to hear and act upon the reports of the officers for the past year; (3) to see how many directors the company will have for the ensuing year; (4) to elect said directors; (5) to transact any other business thought proper. O. C. Williams, secretary, West Corinth.

Congregational church—Morning worship at 10:45. Sermon subject, "The Signs of the Times, 1917-1918." Sunday school at 11 a. m. Union evening service in the Methodist church at 7:30. C. E. meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The Christmas exercises of the Congregational Sunday school were held in the church parlors on Christmas eve, when a most interesting program was presented by the school to a large audience of appreciative friends. The closing exercises before the stripping of the tree gave the children an opportunity to aid suffering Armenian and Syrian children. At the request of some of the audience, the opportunity was extended to it and \$22 was contributed for this purpose. All enjoyed the evening thoroughly.

Earle Hatch Roberts, who has been at work in Chelsea since last June, has been with his father, Rev. William N. Roberts, for the last 10 days. He left town Tuesday to resume work in a large cloth dressing mill in Wilmington, Del., where he was employed one year ago.

## WOODBURY

Mac Webber, Bill Bashaw and Myrtle Celley are home for the Christmas vacation.

Philip Drennan is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Alice Sawyer, in Sunapee, N. H. Clifford and Ralph Doty have returned to their work in Hartford, Conn., after spending their Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Doty.

Mrs. Albert Crawford has so far recovered from her recent illness as to ride out.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Alger of West Woodbury were guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis.

Robert Davis of Claremont, N. H., is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis.

Francis Drennan returned Saturday from a few weeks' visit with relatives in Montpelier.

Guard Celley and Mrs. Belle Daniels were guests Tuesday of Mrs. Daniels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Orman, in Keith Corner.

Bernard Ainsworth of Hartford, Conn., called on his old friends here the first of the week.

Charles Shattney of Springfield is a guest of his father, Eugene Shattney.

Elwyn Boyce of Elmore was a guest Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis. James Atkinson and son are spending the holidays at their home here.

E. F. Doty left Thursday for Hartford, Conn., where he has employment.

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## HARDWICK

The H. A. alumni team went down to a not inglorious defeat at the hands of the present academy team at the gymnasium Wednesday evening by a score of 46 to 35. It was a good game and lots of sport was injected into the contest.

Those entertaining Red Cross parties the past week were Mrs. J. D. Martin and Miss Gladys Robie.

J. H. Odgers has moved from his farm in Mackville into a tenement in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor and two sons of Troy visited at F. T. and W. H. Taylor's and Mrs. Abbie Weeks' part of this week.

Miss Cecil Taylor returned from Boston yesterday.

Herbert E. Eastman, draftsman in the office of the Woodbury Granite company, is passing the week at his home in New York City.

Remember the New Year dance to be given by the Hardwick Social club at the gymnasium next Monday night, Dec. 31.

Riverside chapter, O. E. S., will hold its annual New Year's supper at the Masonic hall next Tuesday evening, Jan. 1. Members and friends are invited to the supper at 6 o'clock.

Sergeant William Gallagher, who has been home from Fort McKinley, Me., this week on a furlough, was taken ill Tuesday with tonsillitis and has been quite sick as a result. His furlough was of necessity extended a few days.

The big storm of yesterday was worse and more of it than any this season or last for that matter. Traffic of all kinds was knocked in the head, even with the government assuming control of the railroad.

Miss Kathleen Johnson has been home from her work in Springfield this week.

F. A. Worthen was home from his work in the Fairbanks shops at St. Johnsbury a part of this week.

James Thompson of Bristol, Conn., is a guest of his parents, Thomas Thompson and wife.

Miss Hester Prevost of New Rochelle, N. Y., has been visiting her parents, L. L. Prevost and wife.

Ned Marshall of Morrisville visited friends and relatives here the middle of the week.

Franklin Thomas, who is working in Springfield, has been visiting friends in town this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth St. John and daughter, Miss Grace, left Thursday night for Rochester, N. Y., where they will remain until next spring.

Harry Hall has been home from his work in Burlington this week.

Mrs. Jennie Paige of Somerville, Mass., is spending the holiday vacation season with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Garlick.

Edward Carey has been home on a furlough for the past week. He has been abroad the super-dreadnaught, the Oklahoma, for some time, but has been assigned to a naval training school in Minneapolis, Minn., for a time, but expects to be placed aboard the same battleship later.

Huntress Clark was a recent guest of friends in Morrisville.

Guests of relatives here.

E. H. Clowse is home from Richmond for a couple of weeks.

Clinton W. Huntington returned the first of the week from a several months' business trip through the west in the interest of the Woodbury Granite company.

Miss Mildred Woodruff, a student at Castleton Normal school, is visiting her sister, Miss Jessie Robertson.

Miss Lucy Mack is home from her school work in Haverhill, Mass., for the holidays.

Burke Martin, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Martin, was operated on at the Hardwick hospital Thursday night for a sore in his ear. Dr. Ricker of St. Johnsbury performed the operation, assisted by Dr. Darling of this place.

William Lorimer arrived home from Toronto, Ont., Thursday morning, where he has been for the past year. Mr. Lorimer expects to remain here.

Dr. G. A. Carter, wife and daughter were visitors in Hyde Park a few days since.

The village officials have issued a warning for a special village meeting to be held next Monday evening, Dec. 31, at the opera house at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of transacting the following business: First, to see what action the village will take in regard to the establishment of a municipal wood yard in this village; second, to provide the money needed to carry out the purpose of the preceding article; third, to see what action the village will take or what instructions the village will give the trustees with reference to the suit of E. N. Sanctuary vs. the village of Hardwick, now pending in county court. This meeting should draw out a large number of voters and all should be interested in the project. This is a project that is being tried out very successfully by several towns in the state and should prove to be beneficial to both consumers and dealers.

The official figures of the recent Red Cross membership drive are as follows: New members secured, East Hardwick 101, Hardwick 472, total 573, old members, 349, or a grand total of 922; quota required, 672; over the top by a margin of 250.

At the Christian Advent church tomorrow Mrs. J. J. Bennett will preach both morning and evening.

At the Methodist Episcopal church Rev. V. L. Smith, pastor of the federated churches, has for his subject in the series on "The World's Greatest Maxims," the one from Christ. In the evening there will be a stereopticon lecture on "Ben Hur."

At St. Andrew's church Rev. Robert Devoy will celebrate high mass and sermon at 10:30. At 8 o'clock he will celebrate mass and preach at Stowe. The rosary and benediction of the blessed sacrament will be at 4 o'clock.

Miss Annie Dorothy Palmer, E. Huntley Palmer and Miss Gertrude Buzzell spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huntley in Boston.

A. H. Morse, who has been quite sick for a few days, is more comfortable.

There will be a New Year's dance at Knights of Pythias hall Monday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The Winter-Hall concert given at the opera house Thursday evening for the benefit of the local Red Cross was well patronized and a most enjoyable evening was passed. The Wilders always receive a cordial welcome to Waterbury. People were especially pleased to hear Mr. Wilder again in flute solos. Both he and Mrs. Wilder were obliged to respond to encores. Mrs. Wilder returning for the third number. The Hills were also enthusiastically received and were very kind in responding to repeated cheers. The variety of their work added much to the evening's pleasure. Mention should be made of the talented pianist, Miss Smith, who accompanied Mr. Wilder.

## GROTON

One Hundred and Fifty-Seven New Members Result of Red Cross Campaign.

During the campaign week of the American Red Cross Groton secured 157 new members and 41 renewals of those who joined last year, making a total of 203 who are now on the roll of the local unit. The campaign solicitors were as follows: C. J. Bailey, C. H. Hendry, B. S. Eastman, L. S. Blanchard and E. F. Clark. All proved loyal and patriotic workers, enabling the town to go over the top of their quota. Considering their population, Groton has not been behind in the sending of recruits, buying Liberty bonds, or in Red Cross membership, and work.

Miss Edith Hood, who is a teacher in North Haverhill, N. H., who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lagare for the past week, went to Topsham Thursday for a brief stay with relatives.

Ivis Crown of Woodsville, N. H., is passing the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Darling.

Mrs. Charles Hood of Topsham was a visitor in town Thursday.

Gaylord Hosmer, who has been with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hosmer, for several months, returned to his home at Woodsville, N. H., on Christmas day.

Mrs. Helen Ricker is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. W. C. Chamberlin, in Newbury.

Mrs. Theodore Smith of Melrose, Mass., who has been passing some time with her daughter, Mrs. H. L. James, returned to her home yesterday. She was accompanied by another daughter, Mrs. O. A. Rollins, who has been visiting here for a few days.

M. E. Beckley was in Marshfield on Thursday and Friday on telephone business.

Miss Viola Lagare, who is attending school at St. Johnsbury, is passing the holiday vacation at her home here.

Dr. N. A. Caldwell returned Wednesday from Middlebury, where he went on Tuesday. Mrs. Caldwell, who was called there Saturday by the illness of her father, remained for a longer stay.

Miss Stella Lakin was a visitor in Marshfield over Christmas day.

Mrs. Ralph Foster and Mrs. Mary Foster were visitors in Topsham Thursday.

Mrs. E. T. Raymond, who has been assisting Mrs. L. G. Welch in the care of her daughter, Mrs. A. McAllister, and little son, returned to her home in Northfield Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Mills, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. H. N. Welch, is improving slowly from the effects of a fall two weeks ago. Mrs. Mills is badly crippled with rheumatism, being confined to a wheelchair, and received her injuries while attempting to get from the chair to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hall returned from Barre Wednesday, where they went to pass Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Alex Burnett, and family. Their granddaughter, Rubina Burnett, returned with them for a few days' stay.

Dr. J. M. Allen and wife were in town Thursday.

J. Ralph Pierce of Fairlee, manager of the Connecticut & Wells River Valley Telephone company, was a business visitor in town Thursday.

Misses Josephine and Ida Frost of Montpelier arrived in town yesterday.

The second meeting of the Knitting club was held at the home of Mrs. F. B. Townsend Wednesday, Dec. 19. Nearly 20 members were present and much enthusiasm over the work was manifested.

It is hoped that more of the ladies of the town will take this opportunity to do their bit for the soldier boys.

Miss Lillian Simonds, who has been visiting friends in Dorchester, returned to her home in East Montpelier Tuesday.

Earl Willard of Binghamton, N. Y., is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother.

Mrs. Edward Bond of Plainfield visited her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Prescott, on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Vincent Barry of Moretown is visiting relatives in town.

Schools closed Friday night for a two weeks' vacation, with Christmas exercises and a Christmas tree for the children.

Mrs. Claire Dudley was in Montpelier Friday.

Earl and Ralph Daniels, students at Goddard, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents in town.

Arthur Levine, who spent Christmas at his home, returned to his work in Burlington Thursday.

Mrs. L. W. Sibley went to Heaton hospital for treatment Friday.

The Red Cross gained 106 new members in their recent drive for membership in East Montpelier.

The Knitting club has the promise of plenty of yarn after Christmas and yarn for all knitters will be found at Mrs. F. P. Townsend's.

## SOUTH RYEGATE

A. T. Beaton has vacated the red stone shed near the railroad track crossing and has moved back to his old shed farther down the track.

Miss Celia Ingraham is visiting relatives in Portsmouth, N. H., this week.

Mrs. P. M. Gibson entertained a small company of young people very pleasantly Wednesday evening in honor of her guests, Miss Helen Gibson of East Ryegate and Miss Margaret Silver of New York City.

There will be a preparatory service in the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and communion will be observed Sunday morning. Rev. D. S. Giles of DeKalb, N. Y., will dispense the communion.

Private Samuel P. Mills gave his parents a pleasant surprise Sunday afternoon by suddenly walking into his home, having been given a two weeks' leave from his duties as instructor in aviation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Mills went Thursday morning to Burlington, where he will visit friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beaton have given up their home for the winter and are boarding with their daughter, Mrs. A. D. Grant.

Raymond Beaton, who left two weeks ago for Camp Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla., has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

Private Walter Buchanan, who left for Fort Slocum, N. Y., three weeks ago, has been assigned to duty at Fort Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla.

Attractive Christmas exercises were held in the U. P. church Monday evening.

Newton, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown, is seriously ill with rheumatism of the heart.

Miss Annie Beaton came last week Saturday from Leeds, Mass., and is spending a two weeks' vacation with her mother, Mrs. Jeanie Beaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Brown entertained a party of thirty-three of their relatives at their home Christmas day.

Mrs. Martha Gardner is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Brown.

Among the young people home for the holidays are Miss Dorothy Grant, Miss Roberta Brock and Norman Bone of Montpelier seminary, Carl Samuelson and Harold Grant of Goddard seminary, Barre, George McDonald and Miss Anna Buchanan of Lyndon institute, and Dewey Darling of the Harvard dental college.

Frederick Samuelson, who has employment with the Fairbanks Scale Co. of St. Johnsbury, was home for Christmas.

C. B. Darling has moved out of the Anderson house. He is now in Manchester, N. H., where he and his wife and son, Charles, Jr., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andrews through the holidays.

Dr. Hatch of Montpelier seminary occupied the U. P. church pulpit again last Sunday morning and evening and gave two fine addresses.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bone and daughter, Ellen, and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bone and two sons spent Christmas day at the home of A. T. Davis at Wells River.

Mrs. Della Hodgkins and Mr. and Mrs. Terry are spending the holidays in Fairfield, Conn., with their son, Adna, and family.

## RANDOLPH

Mrs. G. M. Groom and her daughter, Miss Florence Groom of St. Albans, were the guests of Abbie F. Clarke on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Barclay of Barre, who have been in town since last Wednesday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Manchester, returned to their home in Barre on Friday.

Miss Della Hodgkins and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tinkham of Rochester were entertained over Thursday night by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hodgkins.

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Wheeler of Boston have been in town for a couple of days, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bass.

Miss Annie Messer left Friday for Rochester to see relatives for a few days.

Miss Minnie Carpenter, who has been the guest of Mrs. H. E. Richardson since Monday, returned on Friday to her home in Montpelier.

Miss Bessie Holden, one of the teachers in the grades, went to Boston Friday to join Miss May K. Howe and pass a few days in the city.

Dr. M. L. Hannahs, who has been in town with friends for a short stay, returned on Friday to Fort Ethan Allen.

## EAST BARRE.

Dance in Lassaso's hall Saturday evening, Dec. 29, three-piece orchestra. Admission, 50c. Ladies free.—adv.

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## NORTH MONTPELIER

The Sunday school teachers and scholars would like to thank those who helped and donated candy and other things to make their Christmas exercises a success. It was appreciated very much by those in charge.

The play, "Starbright," to be given by the young people will be presented at the hall here Jan. 10 and 11. Please watch for further notice.

Miss Grace Hamblett of Burlington visited relatives and friends in town the first of the week.

Arthur Cook went Saturday to his home in Barre to remain until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Story were recent visitors at Messrs. Patrick's and Bliss's.

Mrs. Fred Dwinell is stopping at S. Dwinell's with her husband, who is very low.

Fred McLeod spent the week end at his home in Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Pray and Mrs. Lester McLeod were in Barre and Montpelier last Saturday.

H. White of the Davis & Furber company of Andover, Mass., came Wednesday to set up the jacks for the Little Woolen company.

Miss Nora Batchelder of Plainfield and Carlyle Wells of Cambridge were recent visitors at Mrs. Theo Clark's.

Napoleon Shenzy is spending the holidays at his home in Claremont, N. H.

H. Gowan spent Christmas at his home in Hardwick.

Christmas exercises were held at the hall Tuesday evening, with a tree for the little people.

Archie Goodale and F. Gray of South Royalton have finished work here for Mr. Knight.

Charles Patrick of Burlington and Miss Annabel Weidenbacher were Christmas guests at Messrs. Patrick's and Bliss's.

## GRANITEVILLE

All members of division No. 3, A. O. H., are requested to leave their books at the postoffice, Graniteville, on or before Jan. 1. Per order division.

Dance in Lassaso's hall Saturday evening, Dec. 29, three-piece orchestra. Admission, 50c. Ladies free.—adv.

Grand masquerade ball under the auspices of Court Rob Roy, No. 6, F. of A., on New Year's eve, Dec. 31, at gymnasium hall, over Graniteville. Music furnished by Chaffield's orchestra of Montpelier. Dancing from 8 until 3. Grand march at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served by ladies of the Red Cross. Come one come all. Dances to suit everybody. Admission, 81 per couple. Extra ladies coming unmasked, 25c.—adv.

## MARSHFIELD

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent Friday, Dec. 21, at the Bolles schoolhouse when a Christmas tree was held for the school. The tree was prettily decorated with articles made by the pupils for the occasion and the tree was well loaded with gifts. Apples and popcorn bags made it a pleasing sight. Dean Ladd, teacher of the school, impersonated Santa Claus and had charge of the distribution of articles from the tree. Mr. Ladd, whose home is near Barre, was remembered by gifts from everyone of his pupils, who took occasion to convey in fitting words their feelings of esteem for their teacher. School re-opens Jan. 2.

## PLAINFIELD

There will be a meeting of the Washington county farmers' exchange at the town hall Monday night, Dec. 31, at 8 o'clock. Manager Dodge and County Agent F. H. Abbott will be there to take orders for seed, grain and fertilizer. As many as possible please attend in order that orders for seed corn may be placed as early as possible.

Mrs. Curtis Baldwin will entertain the Mothers' club at her home in Plainfield Thursday morning, Jan. 3. A good attendance is desired.

## WEBSTERVILLE.

Dance in Lassaso's hall Saturday evening, Dec. 29, three-piece orchestra. Admission, 50c. Ladies free.—adv.

## JUVENILE STRATEGY.

"Robert, if you eat any more of those preserves I'll give you a whipping." "You wouldn't whip a sick boy, would you, ma?" "Of course not." "Then I'll eat enough to make me sick!"—Boston Transcript.

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